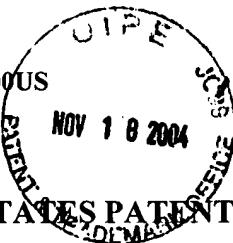


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following:

1. Response to May 27, 2004 Office Action (14 pages);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (1 page, in duplicate);
3. Check No. 19637 in the amount of \$980.00 (extension of time); and
4. Return postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 26597-571. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles E. Bell".

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